



Port Jefferson Free Library

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025 YEOMAN NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two five-year seats are expiring and are to be filled by an election during the January 2026 Annual Meeting. Interested persons are invited to apply. Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning **September 15**. Completed applications must include a resume, written statement of interest, and a petition signed by 25 members of the Port Jefferson Library Association. Previous experience in libraries or library governance is helpful.

Further information will be included in our next newsletter.

Please address all correspondence to:

Election Committee, Port Jefferson Free Library

100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777

For inquiries call Jenny Bloom, Library Director - 631-473-0022

WITCHES DAY OUT

Saturday, October 11



A witchy good time at the library as we participate in this village-wide event.

Witchy Art in the Park at 114 for all ages

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Craft at 205 East Main for all ages

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Bring your clean costumes in good condition to the Children's room starting **Monday, September 22**. Costumes will be available starting **Saturday, October 11**, National Costume Swap Day. Leave a costume and/or take one to celebrate a "Greener Halloween".



Repair Cafe

Saturday, September 27 12:00-3:00 PM

Local volunteers will help you fix your broken items; general repairs, sewing, costume jewelry, small electrical wiring and bikes.



NYS Assemblywoman

Rebecca Kassay Mobile Office

Thursday, September 18

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meet your Assemblywoman. Her office can assist with state agency issues, community programming, emergency services, state grant applications, tax or public benefit issues, access to educational programs and scholarships, free notary services, and services for seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans.

DUMP THE JUNK: FALL CLEANING

This event will take place in our parking lot, which will be closed for parking for the entire day.

Saturday, November 1 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Shed the Meds Collection: Safely dispose of unused or expired medications. Please note: the Sheriff's Office no longer accepts liquid medications. Sharps will not be accepted.

Paper Recycling with Smart Shred Mobile: On-site shredding of personal documents. No binders, plastic, cardboard, carbon paper, or commercial papers please.

E-Waste Recycling: Data stored on all devices will be destroyed. Most electronics are accepted, such as computers, cell phones, printers, TVs, keyboards, cables, wires, circuit boards, and stereos. We cannot accept large appliances, microwave ovens, fluorescent bulbs, and alkaline batteries.

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TEEN CENTER

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TEEN CENTER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00-5:00 PM



PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required for all programs and begins on **Thursday, August 21**. Our programs are limited to **Teens (grades 6-12)** with a **Port Jefferson Free Library Teen Card**. Please call to cancel your registration (631-509-5707) if you cannot attend. All programs are scheduled for one hour unless otherwise stated.

**Please evaluate program safety if you have allergy concerns.*



3D Print & Design

Wednesday, September 3 4:00 PM
Design your own object or choose an object to print. Prints may take up to 2 weeks to process.

Perler Bead Keychains

Thursday, September 4 4:00 PM

Card Games

Friday, September 5 3:30 PM
Learn to play a variety of card games.

Dungeons & Dragons

Sundays, September 7 & 28 and October 12

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Wednesday, October 8 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Journey on a side quest story to untold adventures. See Khan to help build your character ahead of meetings.

FLL Robotics Team Tryout

Tuesday, September 9 5:00 PM
For Teens in 6th - 8th grade. Tryouts are required to join the team. Ask a librarian or call for details.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Wednesdays, September 10 & October 15 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Choose your character and duel in Super Smash Bros. on the Switch.



Pathfinder

Thursday, September 11 3:30 - 5:00 PM
This high adventure tabletop role-playing game builds upon the foundation of Dungeons & Dragons 3.5 edition. See Nick for help building a character.

College Admissions Essay

Sunday, September 14 2:00 PM
Sunday, October 26 2:00 PM
Gain insights into the college admissions essay process. Parents and teenagers are encouraged to attend.

Pop Sockets

Monday, September 15 6:30 PM
Customize your own phone grip.

Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, September 17 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 29 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Compete on new maps with Nintendo characters on the Switch.

Wool Painting

Thursday, September 18 6:00 PM
Try your hand at this textured artform.

TEEN MOVIE FRIDAYS:

Karate Kid: Legends & Pizza

Friday, September 19 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Watch the latest in the Karate Kid series.

Thunderbolts & Treats

Friday, September 26 2:45 - 4:45 PM
Watch the latest Marvel film.

How to Train Your Dragon & Pizza

Friday, October 3 3:00 - 5:15 PM
Watch the live action film.

Jurassic World: Rebirth & Treats

Friday, October 10 3:00 - 5:15 PM
Watch the newest film in the Jurassic Park series.

Creative Writing

Saturday, September 20 1:00 PM
Explore writing in different styles and receive constructive feedback. Sharing is encouraged, not required.

Port Jefferson Junior Fire Co. Overview

Sunday, September 21 2:00 PM
Learn about the department and how to volunteer.

Apples to Apples

Monday, September 22 6:30 PM
Compete in a round or two.

Hiking Hats

Wednesday, September 24 4:30 PM
Design your own.



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Are you Smarter than a Tween?

Wednesday, September 24 6:00 PM
Try to outplay your opponents in this charming and humorous quiz.

Button Making

Thursday, September 25 6:00 PM
Use your own designs.

Magic the Gathering

Saturday, September 27 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Command the field in our Commander-styled MTG.

Books and Looks

Monday, September 29 3:00 PM
Share what you're reading, see the latest movie adaptation trailers, and discuss all things bookish.

Rock Cycle

Wednesday, October 1 5:30 PM
Explore geological phenomena including earthquakes, erosion, volcanoes, plate tectonics, and weather effects with the LI Science Center.

Collage Magnets

Saturday, October 4 3:30 PM
Upcycle jar lids into magnets.

Phasmaphobia & Chill

Monday, October 6 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Experience the horror game on a team of virtual ghost hunters.

Vibes and Visuals

Thursday, October 9 4:00 PM
Listen to music and vibe. Compile and bring a list of 5 clean songs to listen to, color, and de-stress.

Munchkin: Card Game

Monday, October 13 1:00 PM
A strategic dungeon style card game to battle friends while eating munchkins.

Paint A Pin: Spooky Edition

Monday, October 13 6:30 PM
Decorate a Port Jeff Bowl bowling pin.

Teddy Bear Designs

Thursday, October 16 6:00 PM
Design a personalized plush.

Chocolate Covered Apples

Friday, October 17 3:30 PM
A treat for the spooky season.

Mario Party

Saturday, October 18 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Race the board to collect the most stars in this video board game.

Living with Wildlife on Long Island

Sunday, October 19 2:00 PM
Meet reptiles, mammals, and birds, learn about their adaptations, and how you can help protect them.

Haunted Scrapbook

Monday, October 20 6:30 PM
Bring some spookiness to your scrapbooking.

The Year of the Tree

Wednesday, October 22 5:00 PM
Celebrate by learning some tree facts, meditate, and make a tree related craft.

Spooky Trivia

Thursday, October 23 6:00 PM
A battle of wits to test your spooky knowledge.

HALLOWEEN LOCK-IN

Attend one or both sessions

Pumpkin Painting Palooza & Spooky Movie

Friday, October 24 3:00 - 5:00 PM
With games and treats.

After Hours: Fright Night Games & Horror Movie

Friday, October 24 5:00 - 8:00 PM
A scary horror movie, witch's brew milkshakes, party game mayhem and pizza. **A permission slip is required for this event.**

Murder Trivia Party

Saturday, October 25 1:00 PM
A deadly Jackbox Games quiz show. Bring a device with an internet connection or borrow a laptop to participate.

Calavera Planter

Monday, October 27 6:00 - 7:00 PM
In celebration of the Day of the Dead, paint a ceramic calavera (sugar skull) to hold a plant.

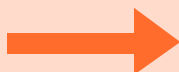
Decoden Phone Stands

Thursday, October 30 6:00 PM
Embellish with colorful 3D charms and beads.



Teen Community Service Opportunities

Need community service hours? Visit portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs or scan here:



Online Community Service

These opportunities are available on our website portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs

Book Review

Earn community service hours for writing reviews for young adult novels. 4 hours for each submitted review. (limit of 2 reviews per month).

Movie Review

Earn community service hours for writing reviews of PG or PG-13 movies. 4 hours for each submitted review that meets the required guidelines. (limit of 2 reviews per month).

Recycling Challenge

Earn community service hours by recycling bottles. See the required guidelines on our website for details. (limit of 10 hours per month).

Take-Home Community Service

Available for pickup in the Teen Center beginning on September 2. Receive two hours of community service credit for each completed envelope. (limit 1 of each envelope per month).

Snow Globes

Design paper snow globes to decorate the Teen Center.

Birthday Cards

Create birthday cards to donate to patients at Mather Hospital.

In-Person Community Service

Receive one hour of community service unless otherwise noted.

Bookshop Organizers

Tuesday, September 2 4:00 PM
Tuesday, October 7 4:00 PM

The Friends of the Library Bookshop offers gently used books for a donation. Teens can earn an hour of community service credit by organizing our bookshelves.

LEGO Organizers

Sunday, September 6 11:00 AM
Help sort our building blocks.

Candy Stuffers

Tuesday, September 16 5:00 PM
Assist filling bags with candy for the Library's Halloween celebration.

Teen Meetup

Tuesday, October 14 3:00 PM
Collaborate with our librarians to plan activities.

Teen Helpers

Painting Program
Wednesday September 24 1:30 - 4:00 PM
Build a Scarecrow
Thursday, September 25 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Escape the Room
Thursday, October 2 11:30 - 2:00 PM
Witches Day Out (Outside)
Saturday, October 11 10:00 - 1:00 PM OR

Perler Bead Designers

Thursday, October 2 4:00 PM
Make library decorations.

Diamond Art Cards

Thursday, October 16 4:00 PM
Design birthday cards with diamond art to donate to patients at Mather Hospital.



Children's Services

* This symbol indicates that this program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.

Registration begins on the first of the month preceding the program date. Please call the Library if you are unable to attend a program in which you are registered, so that we may invite a child from the waitlist. If you fail to cancel 3 times, you will be removed from any additional programs in which you are registered.

Early Childhood Programs (Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers)

Sensory Storytime

Tuesday, September 2, 16, October 14, 8
11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Stories, songs and sensory play.

Playtime in the Park @114

Wednesdays, September 3 & October 1
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Drop in to join in games at the Library's Park. *We'll move inside in case of inclement weather.* **Registration is not required.**

Little Sprouts and Friends

Thursday, September 4, October 16 10:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 16 months with adult

Move and sing with your child. *This program is for children who are not yet walking.*

Sprouts and Friends

Thursday, September 4, October 16 11:00 AM

Ages: 17 months - 5 years with an adult

Move and sing with your toddler. *This program is for children who are walking.*

Baby and Me Storytime

Friday, September 5 10:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 12 months with an adult

We'll read stories, sing songs and craft.

Farm Tales

Monday, September 8 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Stories, songs and craft.

Infant Massage

Tuesday, September 9, October 7 10:00 AM

Ages: 6 weeks - 18 months with an adult

Licensed Massage Therapist Laura Morello will teach us how to communicate with your child through touch. *Please dress comfortably, and bring a blanket for the baby, one for yourself and the baby's favorite comfort toy.*

Autumn Sunflowers

Tuesday, September 9
11:30 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult

Using pastels, we'll turn our summer flowers into fall. *Please dress for mess.*



Lil Athletes

Wednesday, September 10 - Soccer/Lacrosse

Friday, October 10 - Baseball/Basketball

Ages: 20 - 36 months with an adult 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult 11:00 AM

Develop running, jumping, and balancing skills and play in the obstacle course.

Tiny Movers

Thursday, September 11 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 4 years with an adult

Stretch, dance, and move with your little one. Learn breathing techniques and movements that can be modified for any level. *Please sign up for only one session.*

PlayHooray Babies

Friday, September 12

10:00 AM

Monday, October 6

10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult

An introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music and creative movement.

PlayHooray Kids

Friday, September 12

11:00 AM

Monday, October 6

11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Music and movement to get the wiggles out and develop coordination.

Art Starts: Color

Monday, September 15

10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Learn art concepts through creative play and stories.

Baby Singing Storytime

Thursday, September 18, 10am: Farm Songs

Monday, October 20, 10am: Halloween Edition

Ages: Birth - 17 months with an adult

Stories and songs for you and your baby.

Dance Laugh Play

Friday, September 19, Wednesday, October 8,

Monday, October 27 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 4 years with an adult

Can't stop, won't stop bonding and fun with Miss Lauren! *Please sign up for only one session per date.*

Welcome Fall

Saturday, September 20

12:00 PM

Ages 3 - 5 years with an adult

Prepare for the first day of fall with stories and crafts.

Falling for Fall Story Craft

Monday, September 22

10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

The Autumnal Equinox is the official start of Autumn; Celebrate with stories and crafts.



Tois Night Out

Monday, September 22

6:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

Family learning and skill building with A Time for Kids.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 AM

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult

Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, September 23

11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 21

11:00 AM

Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult

Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle.

Nuts About Reading

Wednesday, September 24

10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Squirrel stories and craft.



Transportation

Tales: Trucks

Thursday, September 25

10:30 AM

Ages 2 - 5 years with adults

Let's move through some stories and a craft.

Parent Toddler Workshop

Friday, September 26, October 17 & 24 10:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Play and meet other grownups and their children. *Please do not bring any snacks or drinks (for either child or adult).*

Fall Sensory Exploration

Monday, September 29

11:30 AM

Ages: 18 months - 4 years with an adult

Use all your senses to explore fall-themed sensory bins. *Please dress for mess.*

Baby Start

Tuesday, September 30 10:00 AM
Thursday, October 30 10:00 AM
Ages: 9 - 17 months with an adult
Music and movement circle time with A Time for Kids, Inc.

A Time for Kids

Tuesday, September 30 11:00 AM
Thursday, October 30 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult
Music and movement storytime with a craft.

1-2-3 Full STEAM Ahead

Friday, October 3 10:00 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Critical thinking and problem-solving skill development through a focus on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.



Monster Story Craft

Tuesday, October 7 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Tales, songs, and a craft.

Toddler Music

Thursday, October 9 10:00 AM
Ages: 12 - 36 months with an adult
Sing-a-longs, instruments, and parachute play with Happy Feet Educators.

Musical Kids

Thursday, October 9 11:00 AM
Ages: 3 years and up with an adult
Music, movement and instrument play with Happy Feet Educators.

Tree-mendous Tales Story Time & Craft

Monday, October 20 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Celebrate Port Jefferson's year of the Tree with stories and crafts. *This program will move inside in case of inclement weather.*

This Story Time is a Hoot

Wednesday, October 22 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Owl tales and a craft.

Paint without Paintbrushes: Pumpkin Patch

Thursday, October 23 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Try lots of cool tools.

Halloween Toddler Mash *

Friday, October 31 10:00 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Wear your costume! Dancing, crafts, treats and a parade through the Library.



School Age Programs

Please register based on the grade the child is currently attending.

Worry Stones

Thursday, September 4 6:30 PM
Grades 2 - 4
Back to school time can be overwhelming. We'll make a craft to help relieve our stress.

Bad Art Night

Tuesday, September 9 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 5
Use a variety of materials to create the worst. art. Ever.

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Ages: 5 - 12 years
Chester is a great listener. Build reading confidence and support the development of a love for reading. **Please call to register for your 10-minute reading session.**

Chess

Wednesday, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22 7:00 PM
Entering Grades 1 - 6
Develop strategies and sharpen skills. For all skill levels.

School Bus Craft

Thursday, September 11 6:30 PM
Grades 1 - 3
Thank your bus driver with a magnet made from popsicle sticks.



LEGO Challenge

Mondays, September 15 & October 13 7:00 PM
Grades K - 5
Work in teams to build a themed creation.



Sketchbook School: Let's Draw Together

Tuesday, September 16 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 6
Decorate a sketchbook and practice drawing abstract designs with Miss Monica.

Homeschool: Fruits and Vegetables

Wednesday, September 17 12:00 PM
Grades K - 5
Themed facts and STEAM activities to fit your home-school curriculum.

Stress Balls

Wednesday, September 17 6:30 PM
Grades 1 - 3
Use a balloon and flour and talk about how to help yourself when stressed about the start of the new school year.

Book to Movie Club - Session 1

Thursday, September 18 6:30 PM
Grades 3 - 5
Discuss the book *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones and do a related activity. *Pick up your copy of the book in the Children's Department prior to the program.*

Fall Lanterns

Monday, September 22 7:00 PM
Grade 1 - 5
Cut, paint, layer and light.

Fall Puzzle Piece Wreath

Tuesday, September 23 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 5
Paint and create a craft to celebrate fall. *Please dress for mess.*

Paint and Pass

Wednesday, September 24
Grades K - 2 2:00 PM
Grades 3 - 5 3:30 PM
Pass your canvas back and forth with a partner to combine your creativity.

Book to Movie Club - Session 2 *

Thursday, September 25 6:30 PM
Grades 3 - 5
Watch *Howl's Moving Castle* on the big screen with Pop-corn. **Please bring a beverage for yourself.** You may watch the movie even if you did not attend Session 1.

Fall Slime *

Monday, September 29

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Use essential oils. *Please dress for mess.*

Cotton Pad Hedgehog

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 PM

Ages: 4 - 7 years with an adult

Use a cardboard template and watercolor paint with pipettes to create our prickly friends. Hedgehog stories to follow. *Please dress for mess.*

Origami

Wednesday, October 1

6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Learn to create paper animals.

Escape the Library

Thursday, October 2

12:00 PM

Grades K - 2

Grades 3 - 5

1:30 PM

Help your team solve clues and puzzles.

Cardboard Ghost Family Portrait

Thursday, October 2

6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Using recycled materials to create a not so spooky Halloween craft.



Monster Frames

Saturday, October 4

12:00 PM

Grades K - 3

Use paint, markers and spooky embellishments. *Please dress for mess.*

STEM Challenge: Spooky Mazes

Monday, October 6

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Build and test your marble maze.

Book Page Ghost Garland

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Use recycled book pages.

Watercolor Spider Web

Thursday, October 9

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Create a spooky masterpiece.

Witches Day Out: Magic In a Jar *

Saturday, October 11

3:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Mix herbs, crystals, glitter, and intention to craft a bottle of wonder.

Patterned and Printed Pumpkins

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Use markers and your imagination to make a festive Halloween decoration.



Homeschool: Spiders

Wednesday, October 15

12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Spider-themed facts and STEAM activities to fit into your homeschool curriculum.

Halloween Treat Holder *

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 5

We'll turn clay pots into ghosts and jack-o'-lanterns. Treats included!

Pumpkin Collage

Friday, October 17

4:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Use an assortment of materials.

SnackBag Dad Halloween Edition

Monday, October 20

6:30 PM

Entering Grades 1 - 5

An interactive drawing class. Turn a SnackBag into a work of Art.

Sketchbook School: Halloween Edition

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Halloween-themed drawing with Miss Monica.

Jack-o'-Lantern Collage

Thursday, October 23

7:00 PM

Grades 2 - 5

Repurpose magazines and scrap paper.

Sugar Skull Marks

Saturday, October 25

12:00 PM

Grades K-5

Dia de Los Muertos stories followed by a sweet craft.

Mini Monsters

Monday, October 27

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Make a glove into a tiny terror.

Tissue Box Haunted House

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 PM

Grades K & up

Make a repurposed box spook-tacular!

Easy Ghost Craft

Thursday, October 30

6:30 PM

Grades K - 2

Transform pompoms into a ghostly friend.



Family Programs

Color Time

Wednesday, September 3

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Drop in and relax. **Registration is not required.**

Sunday Crafternoon

Sunday, September 7, 14, 21 & 28,
October 5, 12 & 26

2:00 - 4:00 PM

We'll have a new craft to make each week. **Registration is not required.**



Creativity Starts at the Library: Art Exploration

Monday, October 13

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Create using a variety of art supplies with Miss Monica. **Registration is not required.**

Harvest Festival Celebration

Saturday, October 18

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 19

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Fall themed crafts. **Registration is not required.**

Halloween Bingo*

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 PM

Fill your game card with Miss Tiffany and Miss Margaret. **Registration required.**



Adult Services



Registration Information: All fees for Adult Programs will be required at the time of registration. You must have a valid Suffolk County library card to register for programs. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

PJFL cardholders may register for ALL programs beginning August 21. Outside library cardholders may register beginning August 27. Please note that online programs with a pick-up kit are ONLY ONE KIT PER LIBRARY BARCODE. Please do not register if you may not be able to attend. If you cancel, or do not show up to three programs without informing us, you will be held from registering for future programs. **PLEASE NOTE: There is a limit of two reservations per library barcode for in person art and cooking workshops.**



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

No registration is required. To pick up a copy of a book, please stop by the Adult Services Desk.

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

Tuesdays, September 9 & October 14
10:00 AM

September: *The Violin Conspiracy*
by Brendan Slocumb

October: *The Woman Behind The New Deal*
by Kirstin Downey

New Voices Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, September 11 & October 9
11:00 AM

September: *I Cheerfully Refuse* by Leif Enger

October: *Light From Other Stars*
by Erika Swyler

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group

Tuesdays, September 16 &
October 21 7:00 PM

September: *You Like It Darker*
by Stephen King

October: *Eruption* by James Patterson

Historical Happenings Book Discussion

Saturday, September 13 10:00 AM
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Literary Lions Book Discussion

Wednesdays, September 24 & October 22
2:00-3:00 PM

September: *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler

October: *Lovecraft Country* by Matt Ruff

Fourth Fridays Book Club

Fridays, September 26 & October 24
11:30 AM

September: *I Remember Nothing*, by Nora Ephron

October: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Great Decisions Discussion Group

NO MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Reduce auto insurance costs and receive up to a 4-point reduction for points accumulated in the past 18 months with these DMV-approved courses. **Registration is IN PERSON; payment is required at registration. Fees CANNOT be paid by cash, credit, or debit.*** Please register as soon as possible, as a minimum number of attendees is needed for courses to proceed* NOTE: If you are over three minutes late, you will not be allowed to attend. The library is unable to assist in any issues involving certificates.

IN-PERSON COURSE

Saturday, September 13

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$33, payable by check or money order, to "Empire Safety Council."



Why pay for movies when you can go to the Library? Popcorn will be provided!

FILM MATINEES



Box Office Features

On Swift Horses (117 min.)

Friday, September 12 2:00 PM

Muriel and her husband Lee begin a new life in California when he returns from the Korean War. But their newfound stability is upended by the arrival of Lee's charismatic brother. A dangerous love triangle quickly forms. **Rated R**

Small Things Like These (98 min.)

Friday, October 10 2:00 PM

In 1985, coal merchant Bill Furlong uncovers disturbing secrets in a small Irish town controlled by the Roman Catholic Church.

Foreign Film Festival

All We Imagine as Light (Malayalam) (115 min.)

Friday, September 26 2:00 PM

Nurse Prabha's daily life in Mumbai takes an unexpected turn when a surprise present arrives from her estranged husband.

Shoplifters (Japanese) (115 min.)

Friday, October 24 2:00 PM

On the margins of Tokyo, a dysfunctional band of outsiders are united by fierce loyalty, a penchant for petty theft and playful grifting. **Rated R**

Silver Screen Showing

Some Like it Hot (120 min.)

Friday, September 19 2:00 PM

Joe and Jerry witness a mob killing inspired by the St. Valentine's Day massacre. Together they disguise themselves as women and hide among an all female band on their way to Miami, Florida.

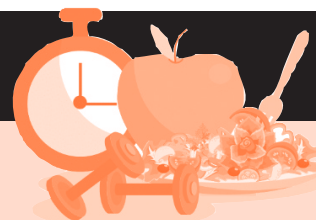
What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?

Friday, October 31 2:00 PM

Former screen legends Blanche and "Baby Jane" Hudson live in a decaying Hollywood mansion where Jane's jealousies grow into psychological torment driven by a dream of a comeback just out of reach.

Registration is required
unless otherwise noted.

HEALTH AND FITNESS



One-On-One Medicare Appointments

Meet with an expert to discuss your Medicare questions. Learn the differences between plans. Call Adult Services to book your appointment.

Narcan Training

Wednesdays, September 3, 24, October 1, 29
5:30 PM - 8:45 PM

The Phoenix House of New York will give free Narcan and instruct you on how to administer it in an emergency to reverse the effects of an Opioid overdose. One New York resident dies of an overdose every three hours.

ABCs of Medicare

Wednesday, September 10 **1:00 PM**

Learn ways to pay non-covered costs, important terminology, enrollment and plan types. Ask your questions to be more confident with your Medicare choices.

Blood Pressure Screening

Friday, September 12 and October 10

3:00 - 4:30 PM

A clinician from St. Charles Hospital will check your blood pressure and discuss disease prevention and health maintenance. No registration; walk-in.

Crystal Bowls Meditation

Mondays, September 15, and October 13
10:00 AM

A guided meditation followed by Crystal Singing Bowls aimed at rebalancing your energy.



Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 PM

Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. Learn about the disease's impact, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, research and treatments, and The Alzheimer's Association of Long Island's resources. An East End Libraries Event. **(ZOOM)**

Reiki

Thursdays, September 18 and October 16

7:00 PM

Annalee Jackofsky guides a brief meditation and a short reiki session. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel and a blanket.

Saturday Morning Yoga

with Laurel Frey

Saturdays, September 20, 27,

October 4, 11, 18

10:00 AM

Join a Certified Yoga Instructor for this four-session workshop. Please note: There is a \$20 fee payable by check to be written to Laurel Frey due upon registration.

Mindfulness Meditation

Mondays, September 29 and October 27

7:00 PM

Practice being in the present and how to interrupt negative thinking. **(ZOOM)**

Stretch Sculpt Fusion

Wednesdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and

November 5

10:00 AM

An active class! In this class, a typical lunge might be done for 10 reps and then held in a down-ward position similar to a yoga crescent pose. **(ZOOM)**

Cardio Sculpt in the Park

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17

9:45 AM

Rain Date - Friday, October 24

A strength and sculpting type class using cardio and strength moves. After a group of approximately eight exercises, there's a separate cardio section of about two minutes, and then a new group of exercises are performed. This class is held in the park behind the library, so bring a towel/mat as well as water.

Medicare New Rules 2026 +

Prescription Savings

Tuesday, October 14

6:00 PM

Information on Medicare's new ruling and how it affects individual plans. We will also discuss 12 tips to save money on your prescription drug costs.



TUESDAYS: Go online to make an appointment today

One-on-one appointments with our social worker are available over the phone. Schedule an appointment to receive individual and confidential support, and assistance. Support is available for all ages. Visit portjefflibrary.org/helpinghands for more information and to make an appointment.

LANGUAGE & Literacy

English Conversation Group / Grupo de conversación en inglés

Saturdays **11:00 AM**

Practice speaking English. Free, no registration required. Open to all adults, 18 and older. Group is led by Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming.

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LECTURES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION



Please note: Registration is required.

One-On-One Genealogy Appointments

Meet virtually with a Genealogist to develop a research plan and for help looking up records. Book with the Reference Department. (ZOOM)

Ebook One-On-One Appointments

Wednesdays, September 17 & October 8
2:00 - 4:00 PM

20 minutes with a librarian to learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks with your library card. Please specify what device you will be using and be sure to bring your passwords.



One-Shot Sessions

Monday, September 22 6:00 PM
Monday, October 20 6:00 PM

Veterans and novices are welcome. Create a character and bring a fantasy world to life. Each session is unique so attend one or both.

Trusts in Action

Tuesday, September 16 1:00 PM

Trusts can safeguard your assets, minimize taxes, and provide for your loved ones. Learn about different types and strategies to protect assets while qualifying for Medicaid.

The Frick Collection: Restored,

Remodeled and Reopened

Tuesday, September 16 7:00 PM

The Frick Collection reopened in April of 2025 after a major renovation. Re-design was concerned with honoring the 5th Avenue Mansion's 1914 character while updating its exhibit spaces to present their collection of masterpieces by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Velazquez, Bellini, Titian, El Greco, Piero, Holbein, Van Dyck, Fragonard, Whistler and others. Professor Thomas Germano will present this visual lecture on the renovation's new features, and the collection it houses.

Play Readers Parlor

Tuesday, September 23 6:30 PM

Play your part and get into character in a group play reading. New readers are welcome. Play to be decided based on the number of participants.

Introduction to FamilySearch Genealogy

Tuesday, September 23 7:00 PM

Set up a free account on FamilySearch and begin building your family tree. Access unindexed records, the catalog, and FamilySearch Wiki, and how to add memories to a profile.

AHRC Job Recruitment Table

Thursday, September 25,
Wednesday, October 1 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

AHRC Suffolk provides programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Stop by the table to learn about their career opportunities.

Day Haven Table

Tuesday, September 30,
Wednesday, October 15 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Day Haven, a social model adult day services program, provides daytime care for frail older adults and individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementia. Meet a representative to discuss services that may help an adult in your life.

Ancient Secrets of the Spinney Clock

Collection

Tuesday, September 30 6:30 PM

The Spinney Clock Collection is a Port Jefferson treasure. This presentation will examine how ancient symbols found their way into European and American clock design from the 17th to the 20th century. This discussion is designed for both newcomers and clock enthusiasts to discover connections between ancient culture and everyday objects.

Introduction to Powerpoint

Tuesday, October 7 5:30 PM

The Library's technology experts Jeremy and Anna will teach you the basics of Powerpoint. Learn how to create a slideshow, save, edit, format, and add multimedia objects and animation effects.

Paranormal Occurrences and

Spirit Phenomena

Wednesday, October 8 7:00 PM

Dr. Gary Truce has an extensive background in parapsychology and psychophysiology and is the Author of the book, *Shelly and Rhoda: A Most Extraordinary Spirit Encounter*. Truce will discuss ESP, Mental Telepathy, Dowsing, Levitation, Spirit or Ghost Phenomena, and the Potential of Life After Death. The conversation will focus on body energies, parallel dimensions, and a consciousness that is out of the realm of our widely accepted reality.

Pets and the City with

New York Historical

Tuesday, October 14 7:00 PM

New Yorkers and their companion animals through the Historical's amazing collection of

art, objects, documents, memorabilia and film, from the Lenape and Haudenosaunee to bodega cats and dog parks. An East End Libraries Event. (ZOOM)

Keeping Your Trusts Healthy

Tuesday, October 21 1:00 PM

Burner Prudenti Law associates lead a discussion of funding trusts, selling property within trusts, and the value of keeping the document in good standing.

Graveyard Genealogy

Wednesday, October 22 7:00 PM

Unearth family history through clues found in cemeteries and historical death records. Learn to use obituaries, last wills and testaments, burial records, and death certificates to piece together ancestral stories to discover family relationships.

3D Printing Workshop

Tuesday, October 28 7:00 PM

Make your own keychain using Tinkercad to be printed and picked up later. No experience required.

Line Dancing Workshop

October 29, November 5, 12, 19 7:00 PM

Kick up your heels for some fun Line Dance Lessons with Natalie Boyle! Learn basic steps to popular dances and enjoy great music and meeting new friends!



American Clocks of the 1800s;

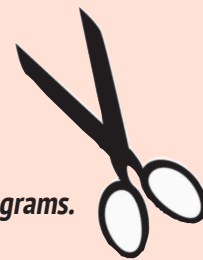
Tour of the Spinney Clock Museum

Saturday November 1 2:00 PM

James Boyd, Port Jefferson Historical Society Trustee, will discuss clocks primarily manufactured in Connecticut including Seth Thomas, Ansonia, and Ingraham. Learn about the clock's role in the Industrial Revolution and expect a "hands on" examination of clock works and their historical significance. Lecture will be followed by a walk to 115 Prospect Street for a tour of the Port Jefferson Historical Society's Spinney Clock Museum.



MAKE IT! ARTS, CRAFTS, AND COOKING



Registration is **required** unless otherwise noted. PJFL cardholders may register for ALL "Make It" programs starting **August 21**. Outside library cardholders may register starting **August 27**.

Online programs that include a pick-up kit are ONE KIT PER LIBRARY BARCODE.

If you cancel, or do not show up to three programs, you will not be eligible to register for future programs.

Long Island Quilters

Mondays

1:00 PM

Bring your sewing machine and a project, or stop by to learn more. Please call or check our online calendar to find out if the group is meeting each week. Registration is not required.

PJFL Mah Jongg Club

Fridays

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Open to all levels of play. Bring your set of tiles if you have one. Registration is not required.

Paper Quilled Sunflower

Friday, September 12

11:00 AM

Pick up your materials and follow along our video to create an autumn-themed design. (YOUTUBE)

Yarn Bombing Guerilla Group

Saturday, September 13

2:00 PM

Learn to make colorful crochet pieces to decorate trees to brighten and delight. Use your scraps to decorate the trees in front of the library for Dickens Festival. Strategize follow up times to meet and assemble to make merry and bright.

Simply Creative Cooking with Chef

Rob Scott

Thursday, September 25

2:00 PM

Sample prosciutto with baby spinach and angel hair pasta pancakes filled with mozzarella and parmesan cheeses served with a cannellini bean and fennel salad.

Fall Paint Night

Thursday, September 25

6:30 PM

Step by step instruction using acrylics on a 14x18 canvas. All materials provided.

Simply Creative Cooking with Chef

Rob Scott

Wednesday, October 1

2:00 PM

Sample pumpkin soup with a chili cranberry apple relish and a honeycrisp apple salad, shaved brussel sprouts with goat cheese and a lemon-maple vinaigrette.

Fudge Making at Kilwins

Saturday, October 4

10:00 AM

Location: Kilwins (109D Main St., Port Jefferson)
Owner and expert fudge maker Christine Viscount will demonstrate the process from start to finish. Samples too. Space is limited.

Crochet Workshop

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25

2:00 PM

Sharon Barnes teaches the nuances of crocheting including basic stitches, how to read a pattern and finishing tips. Please bring the following materials to class: Red Heart super saver yarn variegated, size I crochet hook, scissors, plastic seam pins, knit check stitch gauge, large eye darning needles.

Witches Day Out – Broom Workshop

Saturday, October 11

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Craft a hand-tied broom during this hands-on

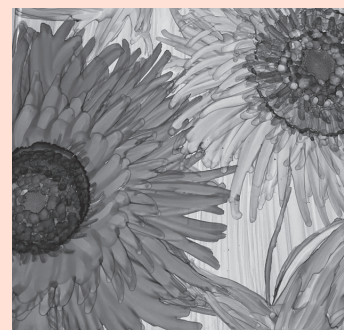
workshop. We'll use natural materials, herbs, and intuitive guidance to craft whether for your altar, ritual sweeping, protection, or charming autumn vibes. No experience needed – creative spirit required.

Autumn Alcohol Ink

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 PM

Create a fall-themed ceramic tile in this hands-on workshop. All materials provided.



Pumpkin Painting

Thursday, October 23

6:30 PM

Paint a faux pumpkin with intricate designs using acrylics. All materials provided.

Cricut Club

Thursday, October 30

3:00 PM

Hands-on session to learn to use the Cricut machine by making a project. Space is limited. Basic computer skills required.

TRAVEL/ENRICHMENT

Historic Walking Tours with Ava

Friday, September 12 and

Thursday, October 9

12:00 PM

A guided historical walking tour. Meet at the library and learn about local history as you walk the village.

West Hills Country Park Hike

Saturday, September 20

10:00 AM

Naturalist, Photographer and author Lee McAllister will lead our hike to Jayne's Hill, the highest point on Long Island in celebration of Port Jeff's Year of the Tree. We'll cover about 3.7 miles of wooded and hilly terrain for views over Broad Hollow and to meet the flora and fauna. Gather at the parking lot on Sweet Hollow Rd just north of Northern State Parkway where the dog park & stables are located.



Montauk Sunset Cruise

Wednesday, September 24

Bus Departure: 3:30 PM

Boat Launch at 6:00 PM

Price: Non-refundable \$80

Set sail with the Library aboard the Viking Cruise line as we cruise scenic Montauk shores. Sandwich supper provided but drinks are on you at the onboard bar.

Do As You Please Bus Trip to New York City

Wednesday, December 10

Departure: 9:00 AM from Village Hall

Ride together on a Hampton Jitney bus. See the sights, eat, shop 'til you drop... it's up to you! Departure is at 9:00 AM from Village Hall. Pick up will be at 6:00 PM at Bryant Park. Please note: Should the trip be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, the library is not responsible for any patron-purchased event tickets. Registration begins next newsletter.

The Friends of the Port Jefferson Free Library

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Monday - Thursday: 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pM



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If you are interested in either of the above services, contact Erin Schaarschmidt at least two weeks in advance.

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Ask about having materials delivered to your home.

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Chromebook Laptops

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Kindle Paperwhites:

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Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets for kids in any grade.

EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

If you would like to display your work, please visit portjefflibrary.org/display or contact Adult Services at 631-473-0022.

September

Both Cases: Boy Scouts of America Troop 45

Meeting Room Exhibit: Brian Gorin

October

Museum Case: John Kozyra

Tall Case: John Milusich

Meeting Room Exhibit:

Port Jeff Photography Club

September is... Library Card Sign-Up Month

Getting a Library Card is easy; Apply or renew in person. The library offers access to SO much. Borrow museum passes, a Hot Spot, ebooks, puzzles and access to databases and subscriptions. Join us for book clubs and movie afternoons or crafting, tech help and lectures. Access technology, career support, Wi-Fi, and resources to help you be a life-long learner.

We hope to see you at the library soon.

SPICE OF THE MONTH CLUB

Each month the Port Jeff Spice and Tea Exchange brings us a unique spice mix and recipes to try.



PaintPort Pink!

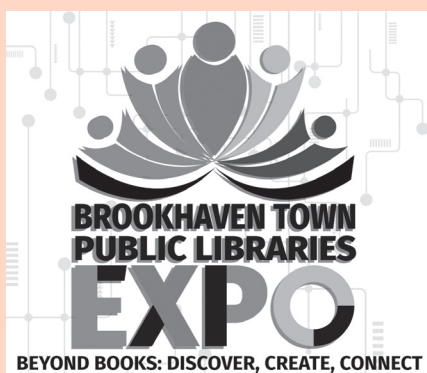
Mather Hospital
Northwell Health

The library will be pink for the month of October for breast cancer awareness.

THE GREAT GIVE BACK

Saturday, October 18

PJFL will join libraries statewide to give back to our communities. Stop by the Library to donate your non-perishable food items. Bring your old eyeglasses and rechargeable batteries to be recycled.



Brookhaven Town Library Expo

Saturday, September 13 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY, 11738

Explore and play at Brookhaven Town Hall with a gathering of staff from 13 Public Libraries and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) focussed not for-profit organizations. Educators will bring hands-on activities and displays to spark your curiosity. Free and for all ages. Discover what the libraries in Brookhaven have to offer.

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library 631-473-0022

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday - Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Teen Center 631-509-5707

Monday - Thursday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Fall Sunday Hours:
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Monday, September 29 5:00 PM

Monday, October 27 5:00 PM

LIBRARY CLOSED

Sunday, August 31 Labor Day

Monday, September 1 Labor Day



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